

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for supplying information to users about each stage of a multi-stage project before dispensing funds comprising the steps of:
inputting a set of terms for dispensing funds for each stage of a multi-stage project;
recording data related to the terms for dispensing funds; and
dispensing funds after the completion of each stage of the multi-stage project;
wherein completion of each stage is dependent upon viewing and approving each stage of the multi-stage project.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of inputting the set of terms for dispensing funds comprises the step of entering a completion date for each of the stages of the multi-stage project.
3. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of assigning a number to the multi-stage project.
4. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of entering a user ID and password.
5. The method according to claim 3, wherein the step of recording data comprises the step of listing the multi-stage project number and a manager responsible for the multi-stage project.
6. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
generating a chart listing multi-stage project data;
distributing the chart over a communication network;

assigning an identification and password for approved persons related to the multi-stage project;

generating a timeline image relating to the multi-stage project; and

allowing the approved persons access to the timeline.

7. The method according to claim 6 further comprising:

generating a task box related to the multi-stage project with icons for starting, ending and confirming a task; and

designating which of the approved persons is responsible for starting, ending and confirming the task.

8. The method according to claim 7 further comprising the step of sending a message to any approved person that is designated to be notified of the starting, ending or confirming of the task.

9. The method according to claim 7 further comprising the step of allowing the approved user to access images of the multi-stage project by accessing an imaging device located near a construction site of the multi-stage project.

10. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of storing the data in memory.

11. A system for supplying information to users about each stage of a multi-stage project before dispensing funds comprising:

an interconnected network adapted to transmit electronic data;

at least one communicative device coupled to the interconnected network, the communicative device being capable of inputting a set of terms for dispensing funds for each stage of a multi-stage project and recording data related to the terms for dispensing funds; and

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a computing device coupled to the interconnected network, the computing device maintaining an interactive site accessible by the at least one communicative device via the interconnected network, the computing device being capable of dispensing funds after the completion of each stage of the multi-stage project;

wherein completion of each stage is dependent upon viewing and approving each stage of the multi-stage project.

12. The system according to claim 11, wherein the interconnected network comprises the Internet.

13. The system according to claim 11, wherein the interconnected network comprises a wide area network.

14. The system according to claim 11, wherein the interconnected network comprises a local area network.

15. The system according to claim 11, wherein the at least one communicative device is a user computer capable of inputting data.

16. The system according to claim 11, wherein the computing device is a host server capable of storing data and maintaining the interactive site.

17. The system according to claim 11 further comprising a camera to provide images of each stage of the multi-stage project.

18. The system according to claim 11 further comprising another communicative device coupled to the interconnected network and capable of confirming and modifying the terms for dispensing funds.

19. The system according to claim 11 further comprising a display device to display the set of terms for dispensing funds for each stage of a multi-stage project.

20. A computer program, stored on a computer-readable medium, for supplying information to users about each stage of a multi-stage project before dispensing funds, the computer program comprising instructions for causing a computer system to:

receive a set of terms for dispensing funds for each stage of a multi-stage project;

record data related to the terms for dispensing funds; and

dispense funds after the completion of each stage of the multi-stage project;

wherein completion of each stage is dependent upon viewing and approving each stage of the multi-stage project.